

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES



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From Enid's desk...

STEM Exploration and Engagement for Librarians

On Friday, February 7, sixty library staff from across the Commonwealth of Virginia gathered for a one day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop hosted by the Science Museum of Virginia and the Library of Virginia. Funding was provided by the Institute for Museum and Libraries Services (IMLS).



The workshop provided a framework for presenting science challenges to create thinking and learning experiences. **Chuck English**, Director of Playful Learning and Inquiry at the Science Museum, introduced an interactive and thoughtful way to present programs. We began by learning fun ways to assess the participants' science skills and knowledge levels and ended with simple ways to measure learning outcomes. In between, participants were given challenges that mimicked a library STEM program. One such challenge was, with a bag full of items, create a prosthetic hand for a baby chimpanzee that would hold a banana. Although each group was given the same items, not all the engineering designs were similar. Another challenge was to trace a body, draw in the skeletal system and then create with an iPad an instructional video.

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From ALSC Blog

Is Youth Services (Still) the Stepchild of the Library?



It is likely you have heard this phrase, or some variation, expressed in your library, during a conference, or in any number of librarian networking situations. Or maybe you were the one to utter such a phrase?

The real question is, **"What can you do to get more support from managers and boards and even patrons?"** I don't have a magic solution (does anyone?), but here are some ideas and resources that might work for you.

- ◆ **Create a vision for youth services in your library.** Where do you want youth services to be in 5 years? 10 years? 1 year? I'm personally a fan of kicking this off with a brainstorming session where no idea is too big. Use your brainstorming notes and your vision to...
- ◆ **Set goals.** Don't discard your lofty, pie in the sky, ideas, but make sure your goals are attainable and measurable. Even though as librarians we know numbers don't always mean much, board members and government officials tend to love numbers.
- ◆ **Empower yourself.** Be sure you have answers to any question they can throw at you. Why should they give you money for a Summer Reading Program? Why do you need time for planning storytime? Why does the library need programs for kids at all? Which means...
- ◆ **Do your research.** Prove that achieving your goals and providing programs for families is important. Having done the research will also prepare you for that fabulous day when someone says "We have x amount of money to spend in x amount of days. What are your ideas?"
- ◆ **Get organized and write proposals.** Before approaching the budget keepers about new

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projects, or to continue funding current projects, get all your ducks in a row. You can find proposal templates online, or see if your library has one to use.

Some Resources that might be helpful:

ALSC: you're already reading this blog, but you should also check out Everyday Advocacy at www.ala.org/everyday-advocacy/

ALA: Of course, so much here at www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/additup

Storytime Underground at

storytimeunderground.wordpress.com/. This online community is all about advocating for services to children. Connect with others in your situation and get advice from those who have succeeded.

Your State Library: Connect with your state youth librarian, if you have one, or your state librarian. If any research has been done on literacy in your state they should know about it.

If you are feeling underappreciated or unsupported in your library, arm yourself with knowledge and go get 'em! Do not forget how amazing you are and the effect you can have on children and families in your community. Your hard work WILL.

*Posted February 21, 2014 by **Kendra Jones**, a member of the ALSC Managing Children's Services Committee.*

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Dates to Remember

Regional Early Literacy Activity Center Exchanges, Spring 2014

Thursday, March 6, 2014	Waynesboro Public Library	Waynesboro
Friday, March 7, 2014	Bedford Public Library	Central Library
Friday, March 28, 2014	Pamunkey Library System	Ashland
Thursday, April 3, 2014	Southside Regional Library	Boydton Public Library
Tuesday, April 8, 2014	Chesapeake Public Library	Central Library
Friday, April 11, 2014	Tazewell County Public Library	Tazewell
Thursday, April 17, 2014	Middlesex County Public Library	Deltaville
Friday, May 2, 2014	Prince William County Library System	Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas

Online Courses

February 17–March 21, 2014	Early Literacy and Books: Making the Connection	online course
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Conferences

March 11-15, 2014	Public Library Association	Indianapolis
June 26–July 1, 2014	American Library Association Annual Conference	Las Vegas
September 18-20, 2014	Association for Library Service to Children National Institute	Oakland
October 22-24, 2014	Virginia Library Association	Williamsburg

STEM Exploration and Engagement

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“Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is vital in today’s world. Many people can identify how important it is for education, in workforce development, part of an enriching economy or enabling the building of a more sustainable future. The Science Museum of Virginia likes to point out how STEM is part of our everyday lives – something we all interact with, whether we know it or not. The mission of the Museum is to inspire Virginians to enrich their lives through science (STEM). Working with the Virginia Library Association helps reach out to an audience that may shy away from STEM and how STEM is interweaved into their daily routine. The Libraries through the Commonwealth have an opportunity to share this story with their guests, creating these unique opportunities to become engaged in the projects, experiments and observations that help hook people into a desire to learn more about STEM. We hope that through this partnership the Science Museum of Virginia and Virginian Libraries both have a chance to help people become life-long learners, and a little more curious about STEM.” – Chuck English, Director of Playful Learning and Inquiry, Science Museum of Virginia.

Additional resources:

IMLS STEM Resources

http://www.imls.gov/about/stem_resources.aspx

YALSA STEM Resources

[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/STEM Resources](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/STEM_Resources)

YALSA STEM Programming Toolkit


http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/STEMtoolkit_Final_2013.docx

YALSA Issue Brief: Libraries Help Teens Build STEM Skill

http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/IssueBrief_STEM.pdf

National STEM Video Challenge

<http://www.stemchallenge.org/>

National STEM Video Game Challenge aims to motivate interest in STEM learning among America’s youth by tapping into students’ natural passions for playing and making video games. 

Lunar and Planetary Institute - Program Guides

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/> ■



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Chesterfield County Public Library**Winter Reading Display**

At Meadowdale Branch Library. ■

Association for Library Service to Children**Registration opens for 2014 National Día Program Registry**

The **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)** is inviting librarians to register their **2014 El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)** programs in the Día National Program Registry <http://cs.ala.org/websurvey/alsc/dia/index.cfm>.



By registering their Día programs held throughout the year in the national registry, libraries build a searchable database that showcases all types and sizes of Día programming. The information will display on the website, in both the map and database format, allowing you to share program information with other librarians and the public interested in learning more about Día programs happening around the country. Libraries that register will also receive Día stickers, buttons and bookmarks (while supplies last).

Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures.

"In communities across the country Día programs celebrate children and connect them to a world of learning through books and libraries," said ALSC

President **Starr Latronica**. "We encourage all libraries to register their own unique celebration helping to showcase the reach of Día and allow ALSC to expand this important initiative."

Libraries can register at the new Día website, where ALSC also offers free program downloads, Día resources, and ideas for your celebration.

The Día celebration was founded in 1996 by children's book author Pat Mora <http://www.patmora.com/>, who proposed conceptually linking the existing El Día del Niño with literacy. The founding partner of Día is **REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos** <http://www.reforma.org/> and the Spanish-Speaking. For more information on Día, please visit <http://dia.ala.org>

Source: PUBLIB posting, February 21, 2014, by Don Wood, Program Officer, Chapter Relations Office, American Library Association ■

From PUBYAC**There's a New Programming Blog in Town!**

Just wanted to let everyone know that there is a new blog in the blogosphere called Kids Library Program Mojo: <http://kidslibraryprogrammojo.blogspot.com/>. The blog is based on the discussion and course work in our six week online UW-Madison SLIS CE course: Power Children's Programming (<http://www.slis.wisc.edu/continued-PowerProgramming.htm>)

I think that with some already lively discussion plus student posts, it will prove to be a great and thought-provoking resource for all of us who work in programming for kids 0-11 years old. Hope you stop by, read it and get it on your feeds.

Posted February 22, 2014 by Marge Loch-Wouters, Youth Services Coordinator, La Crosse Public Library
Blog: <http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.com/> ■

DayByDayVA

WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

From PUBYAC**Free Music for Storytime**

With a limited budget and bored with the music I currently have for storytime, I've found a few good resources for free music for kids. I've shared what I've found below. I wonder if anyone else has any good resources for free kids' music?



<http://freekidsmusic.com/>

Many children's musicians share 1-5 of their songs for people to use. Several good songs here, as well as a good list of traditional songs.

<http://www.nancymusic.com/SOM-alpha.htm>

Every month musician **Nancy Stewart** adds a new song for teachers, librarians and parents to use. I like these because a lot are more educationally themed, instead of just "kid themed." So you have ones that are easier to incorporate things like egg shakers, movement and flannel boards. Also tips for movement and using the songs. Excellent resource.

<http://singwithourkids.com/index.htm>

This is another website from musician **Nancy Stewart**. Lots of great free songs, including a few duplicates from the site above. A lot of traditional songs.

http://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-MP3-Downloads-Childrens-Music/zgbs/dmusic/195239011/ref=zg_bs_fvp_p_f_195239011?_encoding=UTF8&tf=1

Free mp3 downloads from **Amazon**. The free music on Amazon is no where near as extensive as the free kindle books, but still, free is free. I try to check this every month or so. Selection doesn't change too often.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=sr_nr_n_3?rh=i%3Adigital-music-ss%2Cn%3A195211011%2Cn%3A1251258011%2Cn%3A318768011%2Cn%3A334896011%2Cn%3A334897011%2Cn%3A624899011&bbn=334897011&ie=UTF8&qid=1357144842&rnid=624868011

Same as above, only these are individual songs for free instead of albums for free. For the most part, the free albums and free songs are the same, but occasionally you'll find a song that's free that the entire album isn't free, or vice versa, where you need to buy the individual song, but the album is free.



<http://www.songdrops.com/teachers>

Just found this one--don't know anything about it yet.

<http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/petethecat/>

Pete the Cat downloads (not music, but it's audio and I put them all on CDs, so they fall into the same category for me)

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/book.jsp?id=1303624>
There Was an Old Monster! Song

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/book.jsp?id=1312582>
If You're a Monster and You Know It... Song

Posted February 19, 2014 by Becky Morse ■

More From PUBYAC**Nominate a Young Hero for a \$5,000 Barron Prize!**

Do you know a young person who is doing great things to help other people or the planet? Nominate him/her for the **2014 Barron Prize! The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. Each year, ten to fifteen winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. **Nomination deadline is April 15, 2014.** For more information and to nominate, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>



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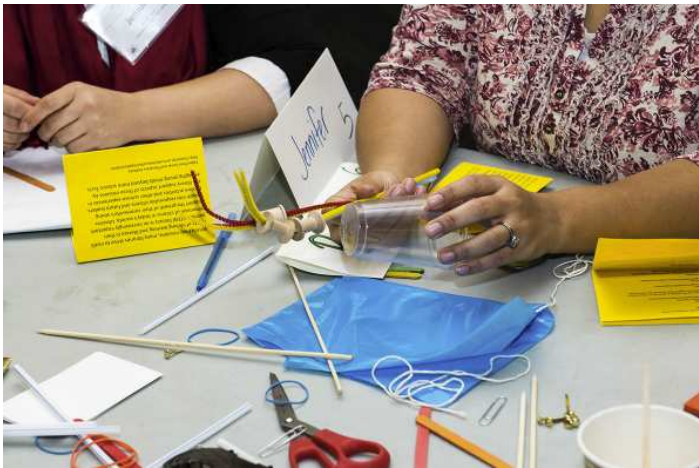
- ◇ **Barbara Gumulak**, Chesterfield County Public Library
- ◇ **Pierre Courtois**, Video Producer & Staff Photographer, Library of Virginia



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STORYTELLER LINDA

**KICK OFF THE YEAR WITH KINDNESS
BACK TO SCHOOL/FAMILY NIGHT
LITERACY NIGHT
MOVITATION FOR READING—SOLs
CHARACTER EDUCATION
BULLYING PREVENTION
RED RIBBON WEEK
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
PIONEER/PATROTIC
TEACHER APPRECIATION
DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY
READ ACROSS AMERICA
CAREER/FIELD/AWARDS DAY
SUMMER SCHOOL
PUBLIC LIBRARY PERFORMANCES
CHURCH/CLUBS/SCOUTING
BIRTHDAY PARTIES
JUST FOR FUN**



"You use your skills to transport students into your stories and the children end up changed with new character goals in their lives."

Margo Maust Jantz — Teacher Librarian
Cub Run Elementary School/Penn Laird, VA

"Her expertise in the field of storytelling is unsurpassed. A true professional."

Pat Conner—Coordinator Safe & Drug- Free Schools
Sumner County, Tennessee

"A genuine storyteller who combines stories and music into a spellbinding performance. She has touched the lives of thousands, captivating children and adults with inspiring stories that tickle the heart and stir the imagination."

Marjorie Nolan—Librarian
Bethesda Elementary School/Franklin, Tennessee

"The best we've seen in an elementary school."

Michelle Del Gallo—Principal
Agnor - Hurt Elementary/Charlottesville, VA

"I think the lucky teachers and students who attended your sessions got a true reward from your presentations. Not only were they spellbound (which I understand never happens and for that long) with your soft mannerisms, they enjoyed your stories and will long remember the bits of encouragement and character building. Teachers have been extremely complimentary; so seldom do they get such recognition and honor."

Judy Rood—Coordinator, Library/Instructional Media
Charlottesville, VA Board of Education

I am a professional storyteller with over 25 years experience, combining my gift of storytelling with my love of people to entertain and hopefully inspire my audiences. For availability, pricing and references please contact Linda Hartman at:

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"Linda Hartman is not simply entertaining, she is an outstanding educator with a gift to enlighten students through her words and creativity!! I highly recommend her work for students of all ages."

Elizabeth Ridley, M.ED.
Professional School Counselor
McGaheysville Elementary/McGaheysville, VA

"We appreciate so much your visit to Thomas Harrison Middle School. Your stories did a wonderful job of conveying the need for kindness and caring to our students. From looking at their faces as they listened to you, I could tell they were totally engrossed by your stories."

Sandra Parks -Librarian
Thomas Harrison Middle Schools/Harrisonburg, VA

"Mrs. Hartman's love for children is evident through her enthusiastic, creative and exciting stories. The children love her stories and talk about them for days. I would not hesitate for a moment to recommend Mrs. Hartman."

Jamie Swartzentruber
Teacher
McGaheysville Elementary School/McGaheysville, VA